Export of Leather goods and garments

1369. SHRI ANAND SHARMA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of leather goods and garments exported by the Indian leather goods and garments manufacturers during the years 1985-86; and 1986-87; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) and (b) The value of exports of leather goods, leather garments, leather footwear and footwear components during 1985-86 and 1986-87 according to the statistics compiled by council for Leather Exports was as under :—

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Year	Leather Goods	Leather Garments	Leather Footwear	Footwear Component
1985-86	85.14	16.72	33.03	190-35
1986-87	94.04	62.26	80.38	240.69

Quantity figures are not maintained by the Council.

Issue of Identity cards to all the citizens of the country

1370. SHRI ANAND SHARMA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to provide identity cards for all its citizens; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the estimated time required to complete the same

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No such proposal has been formulated so far.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Resignation of the Chairman of the National Wasteland Development Board

1371. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the National Wasteland and Development Board resigned recently,

(b) if so, what are the circumstances leading to her resignation; and

(c) what is its likely effect on achieving the target of growing trees on five million hectares of degraded land in the country * by seeking people's participaiiea_Arjd the manner in which Government propose to overcome it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) ; (a) and (b) Orders were issued on 15-1-8S replacing Dr. (Mrs.) Kamla Chowdhry by Minister of State for Environment and Forests as Chairman of the National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB). In a letter of resignation received subsequently, Dr. Chowdhry mentioned that the Board was created as an independent no dal agency to co-ordinate and formulate J policies relating to wastelands develop- ment and that sufficient authority has not been given to the Board to carry out those tasks. The Government does not accept this as being factually correct.